



PREVIOUS GRANTEE SNAPSHOT

Cleveland ES partnered with City Blossoms to design and build a new school garden on a 700 sq. ft. plot in front of the school. The garden was designed through a collaborative process with students and community members, and the resulting space is kid-friendly. Additional partners included Arcadia, which presented its Mobile Market and facilitated taste-testings. A School Garden Coordinator (a parent) led the School Garden Advisory Committee and facilitated lessons in the school garden.

John Burroughs EC partnered with the Washington Youth Garden to establish a School Garden Coordinator role at the school. This person maintained the garden, collected data on its use, facilitated a garden team, collaborated with classroom teachers to develop garden-based lessons, provided outreach to parents and students, and oversaw the re-location of the school garden due to planned DCPS modernization.

Watkins ES partnered with FRESHFARM Markets to implement and further expand their FoodPrints curriculum for all first- and third-grade students. This standards-based curriculum integrates hands-on learning in the school garden and the school's new food lab, while instilling important links between healthy eating and a healthy body. Additionally, the School Garden Coordinator oversaw the expansion of the existing garden to include an additional 170sq ft. of growing space which supported FoodPrints lessons.

Thurgood Marshall Academy PCS partnered with City Blossoms to provide professional development training to faculty and staff to further support their existing garden program. A School Garden Coordinator was hired to maintain the garden, collaborate with teachers to develop garden-based lessons, and support the program staff with the after-school green club. During the green-club students participated in a variety of activities such as cooking, establishing a farmers' market, and maintaining a garden. Additionally students worked to build a heritage garden over the summer through the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Capitol Hill Montessori at Logan partnered with the Living Classrooms Foundation to expand their school garden program by adding 16 large garden boxes and increasing the number of students that engaged in weekly garden-based lessons. These efforts were led by the School Garden Coordinator. Students also participated in a field trip to Kingman Island where they learned about the watershed and the important role school gardens play in protecting the Anacostia River.

